



As much as the Kings Maiestie our Soueraigne Lord is credibly informed, that the infection of the Plague is at this present in sundry places in and about the Citie of London, and in other places neere adioyning to the same, whereas by the continuance thereof, through the greater repaire and resort of his louing Subiects, great perill & danger might not only ensue vnto his most royall Person, but also to his most louing Subiects repairing thither for their suites and causes, and thereby also giue occasion of dispersing of the same into other partes of the Realme: His Maiestie for the sayd necessary considerations, and hoping that the same wil by the goodnesse of Almighty God with the coldnesse of the yeere, and such wholesome Orders as are taken in his sayd Citie, the rather cease by the adiournment of part of this next Terme of Saint Michael now at hand, from the Vras of the same, vntill the fourth returne of the

sayd Terme, called Menſe Michaelis next comming, His Maiestie therefore of his especiall fauour and clemencie is pleased and contented to adiourne the sayd Terme of Saint Michael (that is to say) from the Vras thereof, vnto the sayd fourth returne of the sayd Terme called Menſe Michaelis next comming, which his Maiestie signifieth to all and singuler his louing Subiects of this his Realme, to the intent that they and euery of them which hath cause or commandement to appeare in any of his Highnesse Courts at Westminster in or at any day or time from and after the sayd Vras of Saint Michael, may tary at their dwellings, or where their businesse otherwise shall lie, without resorting to any of the sayd Courts for that cause before the sayd Menſe Michaelis next comming, and that without danger of forfeiture, penaltie, or contempt to incurre towards his Highnesse in that behalfe. And neuerthelesse, his Maiesties pleasure is, that two of his Iustices, (that is to say) of either Bench one, shal the first day of Michaelmas Terme, called Octabis Michaelis, according to the ancient order of the Lawes, keepe the Essoines of the sayd Octabis Michaelis: at which Vras of Saint Michael, writs of adiournment shal be directed to the said Iustices, giuing them authority to adiourne the said Terme of Saint Michael (that is to say,) from the Vras thereof, vntill the fourth returne, as before is sayd: And the sayd Adiournment shal be made in the first day of the sayd Vras, commonly called the day of Essoines. And further his Maiesties pleasure is, that all matters, causes and Suits depending in any of his other Courts betwene partie and partie, as in his Highnesse Courts of Chancerie, Starchamber, and Erchequer, Courts of Wardes and Liveries, Dutchy of Lancaster, and Court of Requests, shal haue continuance, and the parties shal haue day from the date of these presents vntill the sayd fourth Returne, as before is sayd.

Provided alway, and his Maiesties pleasure and commandement is, that all Collectors, Receiuers, Sheriffes and other Accomptants, and all other Persons that should or ought to accompt or pay any Summe or Summes of money in any of his Maiesties Courts of Erchequer, Court of Wardes and Liveries, and of his Duchie of Lancaster, or in any of them, or to enter into any Accompt in any of the said Courts, shal repaire vnto his Maiesties house of Richmond, where his Highnesse hath appointed such Officers and Ministers, as for that purpose his Maiestie hath thought expedient, and there to pay and doe in euery behalfe, as though no such Proclamation of Adiournment had bene had or made. And his Highnesse further pleasure and commaundement is, that all Sheriffes shal returne their writs and Proses, against all such Accomptants and Debtors, at the dayes therein appointed. And if any Person or Persons who ought to accompt or pay any Summe or Summes of money to his Maiestie in any of the Courts and places aforesaid, doe make default therein, That then his Highnesse writs and Proses shal be awarded and sent forth against euery such Person and Persons, and the same to bee duely and orderly serued, and returned by the Sheriffes and Officers thereunto appointed, in such like maner and forme, as the same should haue bene if this present Proclamation had not bene made. And if any Sheriffe or other Officer shal make default, or be negligent in seruing, executing, or returning of any the writs and Proses aforesaid, That then euery such Sheriffe and other Officer, shal incurre such paines and penalties, as by the said Courts or any of them shal bee taxed and assessed. Willing and commanding all and euery his Maiesties Sheriffes, Officers, Ministers and Subiects to whome it doeth or shal appertaine, to obserue and keepe their assemblies and Apparances, with all their Returnes and Certificates, in his Highnesse said Courts at Westminster in Menſe Michaelis next comming, then and there to be holden and kept, and there to doe their offices and dueties in euery behalfe, in like maner and forme as they should or ought to haue done, if this present Proclamation had not bene had or made, as they will answer to the contrarie at their perils. Given at his Maiesties Mannour of Woodstocke the sixteenth day of September 1603. in the first yeere of his Highnesse Reigne of England, France and Ireland, and of Scotland the seuen and thirtieth.

God saue the King.

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